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Glanders disease outbreak
Zoo on High Alert

- Equine disease death at Race Course on Dec. 17
- Govt. declares 2-km radius around Mysore Race Club and nearby Mysuru Zoo as 'Notified Area'
- Zoo enclosures sanitised as safety measure

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (MTY&BCT)- Following the detection of Glanders — a contagious and serious zoonotic equine disease — in a horse at the Mysore Race Club Ltd (MRC), which led to its death on Dec. 17 and the subsequent suspension of all racing activities, a high alert has been sounded at the Mysuru Zoo, located adjacent to the MRC campus.

All precautionary measures have been intensified, particularly at enclosures housing zebras and other equine species, as well as giraffes. The Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has asked all nine Zoos in the State to be on high alert and follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in the wake of Glanders outbreak.

Zoo Executive Director P. Anusha told *Star of Mysore* this morning that, in the wake of the outbreak at the neighbouring Race Club, Zoo Authorities convened a video-conference meeting yesterday involving veterinarians, wildlife and captive animal health experts, scientists and contagious disease specialists to formulate a control strategy.

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To Our Readers

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 20th December 2025

World Meditation Day at Open Air Theatre

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (GA&DM)- Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru, will celebrate 'World Meditation Day' at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri campus from 6 am to 8.30 am on Sunday (Dec. 21). The entry is free.

Announcing this at a press meet at 'Gyan Prakash Bhavan' near Akashvani Circle in Yadavagiri yesterday, Prajapita Brahma Kumari's B.K. Ranganath said that the Brahma Kumaris is organising this event in association with AYUSH Department and Yoga organisations of the city from 6 am onwards.

Pointing out that the World Meditation Day will facilitate the people of Mysuru to understand the techniques of meditation and also to experience it, Ranganath called upon the citizens to take part in large numbers and get benefited from this opportunity on practising meditation, which helps in the maintenance of both physical and mental health.

Ranganath further said that thousands of students and members of the public are expected to take part in this mega event on meditation.

Brahma Kumari Lakshmiji, who also addressed the press meet, said that the event will feature yoga dance, mass singing, lectures on the benefits of meditation, practical experience on meditation and a video presentation on meditation, followed by stage programme.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, University of Mysore Registrar M.K. Savitha, Government College of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences Principal Dr. Venkatakrishna and Ayurveda Research Centre, Mysuru, Assistant Director Dr. Lakshminarayan Shenoy will be the chief guests on the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BE THE BETTER SON: *Tiruvalluvar says, "A man's riches are his children; their riches are the fruit of their actions." One of the practical dilemmas faced by children of aged parents in Kali Yuga is the question of responsibility and the willingness to care for them. Our scriptures are very clear on what benefits one reaps when one truly cares for one's own parents, said B. Damodhara Deekshithar.*

A old man sent word to his four sons to come visit him as he was unable to travel. It soon became clear that the father was bedridden and needed to be cared for round-the-clock. The first son replied expressing his inability to relocate to the village. The second son responded saying he was in the middle of auditing and would be unable to take time off from work for a few months. The third son excused himself citing visa issues. All three offered to transfer a good amount to the father and offered to find a good caretaker through an agency. The fourth son too had issues at the workplace and when his superiors refused to sanction leave, he chose to resign and relocate to his father's village with his wife and two sons. His approach was simple and straightforward: Money can be earned at any age, but one cannot say the same of one's father.

Our scriptures would say the youngest is the best son of them all, since he opted to serve his father personally. When the father apologised for troubling him thus, the son replied, "It is no trouble at all for me. You earned me and I am your son. I am here to serve you." Scriptures say such a son need not go in search of Brahman, for God Himself will come to him and free him from the shackles of rebirths. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

A village of 1,500 sees 27,000 births!

Yavatmal: A village in Maharashtra has registered 27,397 births in just three months. What is more bizarre is that the population of the village is just 1,500.

The irregularities were detected in Shendurusani Gram Panchayat in Arni tehsil of Yavatmal district during a special drive to verify delayed birth and death registrations between September and November 2025.

An investigation found that the birth and death registration system (known as the Civil Registration System) had been compromised, indicating the handiwork of a sophisticated cybercrime racket. The Zilla Parishad Chief Executive Officer, Mandar Patki, also set up an inquiry committee under the deputy CEO of the Panchayat Department.

A case has been registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and under the Information Technology Act.

Wild koala takes a ride in city bus

Brisbane: A bus driver in Brisbane, Australia, spotted a koala darting through traffic on a busy road and brought the animal aboard the vehicle to wait for rescuers.

The koala attempted to climb a metal light pole on a median and the driver, fearing the marsupial would fall, covered its head with a jacket and brought it onto the bus.

Video and photos shared by the rescue show the koala, dubbed Peri by rescuers, holding onto a pole inside the bus while waiting for wildlife experts to arrive. Rescuers took Peri to an RSPCA wildlife hospital and later left it in the wild.

"We don't recommend handling koalas unless you're trained. They have incredibly dangerous claws, can bite - and gripping them around their ribs can cause serious damage," the rescuer's post said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The heart cannot rest like other muscles

The heart requires continuous oxygen supply. Even brief interruptions can affect efficiency, highlighting the importance of uninterrupted blood flow.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Award for actor 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru, journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (DM)- Veteran actor 'Mukhyamantri' Chandru and senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will be conferred with the prestigious 'Sri Krishna Alanahalli' State Award at the Kannada Rajyotsava programme organised under the aegis of Janapara Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru, at SCMS School premises, Alanahalli in H.D. Kote taluk at 9 am on Dec. 25.

H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu will inaugurate the programme while Sri Male Mahadeshwara Kshetra Abhivruddhi Pradhikara Secretary A.E. Raghu will preside, according to the Janapara Sahitya Parishat President Dr. M. Mahesh Chikkallur.

Chandru

Amshi

Indian Army Officer Bhavya Narasimahmurthy will release the poster of the documentary film 'Lunch Break.' Vinutha Krishna Alanahalli will be the guest of honour. The event will also feature a Kavi Goshti (Poets Meet) in which poets Vinoda, Paramesh K. Uttanahalli, Maruti Prasanna, Katyayini and others will take part.

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Today's Outflow **1,285 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **229 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Polar bears are champion travellers: Polar bears are one of the most mobile four-legged animals, if not the most. They can travel more than 3,000 kms per month and can have home ranges that exceed 6,00,000 square kms (an area larger than California or the entire Yukon in one year!).*
- *Polar bears are made for roaming the Arctic. Their paws are huge. They can be the size of dinner plates, measuring up to 30 centimetres (11.81 inches) across.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *I bought a bottle of oil for Rs. 12 and 75 paise and sold it for Rs. 15 and 25 paise. Will I get gain or loss?*

Tintu: *In rupees it is gain, but in paise it is loss!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 89.58
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 119.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 104.88

VOICE OF THE READER

Don't add cesses to Property Tax

Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention the issue concerning the library cess, beggar cess and labour cess that are added to our Property Tax. These cesses constitute nearly 15 percent of the total property tax amount.

With the steep increase in Property Tax over the years, the amount collected under these cesses has also risen significantly, thereby putting an additional burden on the common man.

I am unable to understand the tangible benefit these cesses provide to the public. For instance, the relevance of the library cess is questionable in the present digital era where most people rely on online resources such as Google and Wikipedia for information. Very few individuals find the time or need to visit physical libraries today.

Similarly, the purpose and effectiveness of the beggar cess remain unclear. Despite its collection, we continue to see a large number of beggars at traffic signals and busy areas across the city, which raises doubts about how effectively this fund is being utilised for their welfare or rehabilitation.

Regarding the labour cess, I request clarity on how these funds are being deployed. Transparency in its usage would help taxpayers understand the necessity and impact of this levy.

I sincerely urge the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to review these cesses and assess their relevance, implementation, and impact. At a time when citizens are already overburdened with multiple taxes and rising living costs, it is important to ensure that no unnecessary or outdated levies are imposed on them.

—Nihad

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Pulse Polio campaign tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (DM)- Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy said that Pulse Polio campaign will be held across the district tomorrow (Dec.21).

Presiding over a preliminary meeting at ZP Hall here, Lakshmikanth Reddy said that parents should get their children aged under 5 years immunised with oral polio drops.

Pointing out that the Pulse Polio campaign is being held across the district tomorrow from 8 am to 5 pm at the booth-level, he said subsequently, health workers will carry out a 3-day door-to-door campaign from Dec. 22 to 24 to administer oral polio vaccine (OPV) to every child.

Also, mobile campaign will be launched for 4 days from Dec. 21 to 24 and special drive will

be undertaken during these days in danger zones, he said adding that the authorities should ensure that every child below 5 years of age is administered polio drops.

No polio cases for 14 years

Dr. Sudhir Nayak said that no polio cases have been reported in the country for 14 years.

Stating that the last case reported in Karnataka was way back in 2007, he said since then, no polio cases have been reported. Noting that every child who is administered OPV will be ink-marked on a finger, he said that this will help in preventing duplicity. Also, measures have been taken to administer polio drops to children of migrant workers, he added.

There are 2,22,084 children under-5 in the district, Dr. Nayak said adding that steps have been taken to administer OPV to all these kids. "Over 1,648 booths have been set up across the district. Also, 50 mobile teams have been formed to carry out the drive," he noted.

ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District Surveillance Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, RCH Officer Dr. Mohammad Siraj and other officials were present at the meeting.

Talk by city doctor at Mysore Open Forum

Dr. Javeed

Mysuru, Dec. 20- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk by Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem on the topic *"Let's Treat the Disease, Not the Lab Reports"* tomorrow (Dec. 21) at 10.30 am at Kalpa Kshetra, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru.

Dr. Javeed Nayeem is a top General Physician/ Internal Medicine Specialist at Apollo BGS Hospitals in Mysuru. Holding MBBS, MD (Medicine) degrees, he specialises in diagnosing and treating a wide range of Internal Medicine conditions. He is also a well-known columnist contributing regularly to *Star of Mysore*.

With over 41 years of experience, Dr. Javeed Nayeem will address the recent trend in seemingly diminishing diagnostic abilities of Physicians who seem to depend largely on laboratory reports of numerous tests conducted.

He will focus on the importance of diagnosis based on personal experience of Physicians obtained by examining a large number of patients.

The talk is open to all. For details contact Mob: 94498-10536, stated a press release.

New BAI Centre launched in N'gud

Mysuru, Dec. 20- The new Builders' Association of India (BAI), Nanjangud Centre with 25 patron members was inaugurated during Dakshina Parva 2.0, the Southern Regional Conference and Silver Jubilee Celebration of MyBuild Expo held recently at Lalitha Mahal Hotel.

BAI National President Rajendra Singh Kamboh inaugurated the BAI Nanjangud Centre. BAI National Trustees K. Subramani, C. Ram Kotaiah, National Vice-President D.V.N. Reddy, BAI Karnataka State Chairman N. Subramanya, State Secretary A.S. Yoganarasimha and Host Centre - BAI Mysore Chairman V. Srinath were present.

The following are the new office-bearers: N.R. Krishnappa Gowda - Chairman, Mahadev Setty - Vice-Chairman, E. Ramesh - Hon Secretary, Dileep Kumar - Hon. Joint Secretary, Manjunath G. Adi - Hon Treasurer, Thirumalesh Gowda - Hon. Joint Treasurer.

Executive Committee Members are: N. Umesh, H.S. Somashekar, Goutham Kumar Bohara, Satish Ganiga, Veerendra Kumar, Basavaraj.

Co-op. Executive Committee Members: Shashank M. Adi, Shahab, Ravish, B.P. Suresh, N.S. Supreeth, Nataraj, Shivashankar, K. Varun.

Patron Members: P. Vipul, S. Manjunath, H.C. Ravi, Kaushik Umesh and N.M. Krishnaswamy.

City's Master Athletes win medals at Kolar Meet

Two Master Athletes from Mysuru have bagged medals at the 44th State-level Masters Athletics Championship-2025 being held at KGF in Kolar. P.G. Chandrashekar (PGC), *Star of Mysore* ***Racing Correspondent, won a Gold Medal in 3K race-walk event this morning in Under 80+ age category while Dr. K.S. Raghunandan, son of Subbanna (International Athlete) and working as Guest Faculty at PG Department of Zoology, Maharani's Science College, Mysuru, secured a Silver Medal in 5K racewalk event in Under 40+ age category.***

Wins first prize

S.R. Yashas

Mysuru, Dec. 20- S.R. Yashas, a I PU student of Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, Mysuru, has won first prize in senior instrumental percussion at the 17th Annual Sulochana Pattabhiraman Utsavam held in collaboration with Swaralayam Arts Forum, USA.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dasara Exhibition extended till Jan. 5

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has extended the ongoing Dasara Exhibition till Jan. 5, 2026. The Dasara Expo, which commenced on Sept. 22, was earlier scheduled to end today (Dec. 20). However, in order to benefit the members of the public and year-end tourists, KEA has extended the Dasara Exhibition by 16 days.

Handwriting Contest

Parivarthana Academy, Metagalli, Mysuru, has organised a Kannada and English Handwriting Competition for 1st to 10 std. students tomorrow (Dec. 21) at 10.30 am. Interested students may contact Secretary Prakash on Mob: 95130-65435.

Free eye camp

The Rotary Club of J.P. Nagar, in association with Rotary Jayaprakashnagar Charitable Trust, Lions Club of J.P. Nagar, J.P. Nagar Sports Club, Snehanidhi Credit Co-operative Society, Rotary Club of Krishnaraja, Lions Club of Vijayanagar and Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore, is conducting a free eye check-up and cataract surgery camp at J.P. Nagar Sports Club premises from 8 am to 12.30 pm tomorrow (Dec. 21), according to Rotary Club of J.P. Nagar President P. Ravishankar. Ravishankar further said that those recommended for eye cataract surgery, will be taken to Aravind Eye Hospital at Coimbatore for free surgery. For details, call Mob: 94484-13274.

Pratibha Karanji

BEO Office, North Zone, is organising a one-day Taluk-level 'Pratibha Karanji/ Kalotsava-2025' at St. Matthias School in Bannimantap at 9 am on Dec. 23. The event features several contests for children — 110 children of Classes 1 to 4; 144 children of Classes 5 to 7; 140 children of Classes 8 to 12 (Individual events) and 130 children of Classes 8 to 12 (Team events).

Obituary

Vijayalakshmi

Mysuru, Dec. 20- Vijayalakshmi (80), wife of late Siddaiah and a resident of Kyathamaranahalli 14th Cross, passed away yesterday at K.R. Hospital following brief illness.

She leaves behind son Roopesh, daughters Rashmi and Latha, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Kyathamaranahalli Burial Grounds this afternoon.

Sringeri Mutt Seer accorded warm welcome in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (SPN,GA &DM)- Sringeri Sharada Mutt Junior Pontiff Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji, who arrived in city yesterday to take part in the 'Stuti Shankara - Stotra Mahasamarpane' programme organised as part of the Golden Jubilee (50 years) celebrations of Sringeri Sharada Mutt Seer Sri Bharati Tirtha Swamiji's 'Sanyasa Sweekara' (Celibacy) at Mysore Palace premises at 4 pm this evening (Dec. 20), was accorded a warm and devotional welcome from the public.

Prior to the arrival of the Seer at Shankar Mutt in Agrahara, Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji was given a ceremonial welcome in front of Hosmutt by Sri Shankara Bharati Swamiji, Sri Brahmananda Bharati Swamiji and several others. Later, the Seer marched in a procession to Sharada Mandir, where he performed Puja and delivered a short discourse. The Seer stayed overnight at Shankar Mutt.

Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha Mysuru Unit President D.T. Prakash, Shankar Mutt Secretary Ramachandra, Shashikala Kumar, Kalavathi Venkatesh, members of women Bhajana Mandalis and others took part in the procession.

'Stuti Shankara' at Palace premises

Thousands of people are expected to take part in 'Stuti Shankara - Stotra Mahasamarpane' to be held at Mysore Palace premises at 4 pm today.

The Kalyanavrushti Mahabhiyana Stotra Samarpana programme, captioned as 'Suvarna Bharati,' features recitation of Kalyanavrushtistava scripted by Shankaracharya, Shiva Panchakshara Nakshatramala and Lakshminarasimhakarunarasa stotras, by thousands of members of women Bhajana Mandalis and the public.

Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji, K.R. Nagar Yedatore Yoganandeshwara Saraswathi Mutt Seer Sri Shankara Bharati Swamiji and Sri Brahmananda Bharati Swamiji, Erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and Royal Family Titular Head and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will take part.

On account of the programme, the Mysore Palace is closed for visitors from 2 pm to 5.30 pm today, according to the Mysore Palace Board authorities.

'Guruvandana' and Book release

'Guruvandana' and book release programme have been organised at Oriental Research Institute (ORI) located at Kautilya Circle on Krishnaraja Boulevard at 9.30 am on Dec. 22.

Sringeri Sharada Mutt Seer Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji will grace the occasion.

University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath will preside. Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev will be the chief guest.

Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana felicitates social volunteers

Urges to create awareness on control over lavish expenditure

Mysuru, Dec. 20- Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS), Mysuru Chapter, felicitated 8 social volunteers for their outstanding services and contributions in city on Dec. 17 to mark International Volunteers Day.

Those feted are Charter President of the Chapter Ashok Salecha and Charter Secretary Kanthilal Jain for their contributions in conducting training programmes for empowering youths; Prakash Srisrimaal for organising various seminars on empowerment of girls; Prakash Gulecha for organising Smart Girl Programme at various institutions; Vimal Pitliya for his dedicated services towards organising empowerment of couple training programme and services during COVID; Praveen Lunkar for services towards Lake rejuvenation and organising TOT programme; Sukhraj Vinayakiya for his contribution towards Smart Girls training programmes and Nisha Jain for her dedicated services in association with Minorities Department.

The programme commenced with chanting of Navakar Mahamantra. Chapter President Rajan Baghmar welcomed.

General Secretary B.K. Deepak Kumar Jain presented the report of BJS activities. Vice-Presidents Nemichand Barola and Amit Chouhan, Secretaries Rajendra Desarla, Navaratanmal Pitaliya and Sunil Patva, Treasurer Manohar Sankhala, Ladies Wing Chairperson Sharmila Dhoka, Vice-Chairperson Santosh Salecha, Secretary Seema Bohra, Seema Pitaliya and Youth Wing Chairperson Koushik Rathore honoured the volunteers.

Deepak Kumar Jain proposed a vote of thanks.

Express trains to get new numbers

Mysuru, Dec. 20- The Railway Board has approved the renumbering of some express trains running on various routes. The new changes will come into effect from February 2026.

Train No. 17325 Belagavi-Mysuru Vishwamanav Daily Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20675 with effect from 20.02.2026, while Train No. 17326 Mysuru-Belagavi Vishwamanav Daily Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20676 with effect from 19.02.2026.

Train No. 16505 Gandhidham-KSR Bengaluru Weekly Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20685 with effect from 24.02.2026 and Train No. 16506 KSR Bengaluru-Gandhidham Weekly Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20686 with effect from 21.02.2026.

Train No. 16579 Yesvantpur-Shivamogga Town Daily Intercity Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20689 with effect from 19.02.2026, while Train No. 16580 Shivamogga Town-Yesvantpur Daily Intercity Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20690 with effect from 20.02.2026.

Train No. 16507 Jodhpur-KSR Bengaluru Bi-weekly Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20693 with effect from 26.02.2026 and Train No. 16508 KSR Bengaluru-Jodhpur Bi-weekly Express will be renumbered as Train No. 20694 with effect from 23.02.2026, according to a press release from Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway, Hubballi.

Mobile Health Clinics see good run in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (VNS)- Mobile Health Clinics launched by the Labour Department have received a positive response from workers across Mysuru. Four mobile clinics deployed under the initiative are being widely utilised by workers to address their health needs. According to the Labour Department, nearly six lakh people, including 1,48,536 registered workers and their family members, have availed themselves of the facility.

The State Government had announced the deployment of 100 mobile health vehicles across 31 districts during 2022–23. As part of the programme, Mysuru district was allotted four mobile clinics, benefiting workers registered with the Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

Officials said that around 3,500 beneficiaries utilised the services in November alone. Of the four clinics, two have been allotted to the Mysuru urban and rural areas. One clinic serves T. Narasipur, Nanjangud and H.D. Kote taluks, another covers K.R. Nagar, Hunsur and Periyapatna. One more clinic deals exclusively with construction workers.

Each clinic has a medical officer, two nurses, a pharmacist, a laboratory technician and a driver. The is stationed at one location from 10 am to noon and then moves to another location, operating for a minimum of four hours daily.

Route maps in advance

Route maps are prepared 15 days in advance and circulated to ward offices, taluk and village panchayats, hoblis and labour associations to ensure maximum outreach. Beneficiaries are required to produce identity cards issued by the Welfare Board to access the services.

The mobile clinics are equipped with five laboratory instruments capable of conducting 25 types of diagnostic tests, including biochemistry analysis, ESR, urine analysis and haemoglobin estimation. 37 medical devices are also available.

The Labour Department is also providing ambulance services for workers during emergencies, and workers are being provided with the necessary surgical intervention.

The clinics address a wide range of health issues, including post-natal care, pregnancy-related complications, child and adolescent health, dehydration, fever, anaemia, epilepsy, eye and dental ailments, de-addiction, mental health issues, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, leprosy, malaria, filariasis and organ-related disorders.

"Vehicles are equipped with facilities to conduct more than 20 tests along with OPD treatment. Medicines are also being provided," said Chethan, District Labour Officer.

T20 World Cup team

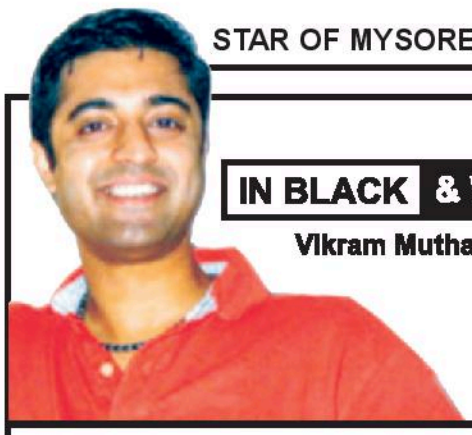
Shubman Gill & Jitesh Sharma dropped; Rinku Singh & Ishan Kishan make a comeback

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (VNS)- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) today announced Indian men's team for T20I series against New Zealand (Jan. 21 to 31) and for the 10th edition ICC Men's T20 World Cup (Feb. 7 and Mar. 8, 2026).

BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia announced the team at BCCI Headquarters in Mumbai in the presence of Senior Men's Selection Committee Chairman Ajit Agarkar Saikia and Men's T20 Team Captain Surya Kumar Yadav.

Defending Champions India will face USA in their opening match of T20 World Cup at Wankhede in Mumbai on Feb. 7. India has been placed in Group A along with Pakistan, Namibia, Netherlands and USA. India will face Pakistan on Feb. 15 at R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo.

TEAM: Surya Kumar Yadav (Captain), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, Tilak Verma Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel (Vice-Captain), Rinku Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Varun Chakravarthy, Washington Sundar and Ishan Kishan.



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Vikram Muthanna

This Hate Speech Bill is the Wrong Pill

Across States and at the Centre, lawmaking has been reduced to brute arithmetic: If you have the numbers, you ram the Bill through. Debate is optional. Deliberation is dispensable.

Karnataka's Hate Speech Bill fits neatly into this disturbing pattern. The Bill was passed amid BJP protests demanding a detailed discussion.

But this is not a morality play of a virtuous Opposition versus an authoritarian regime. It is a story of collective political irresponsibility.

The Opposition, the BJP, opposed the Bill largely for the sake of opposing it. The ruling party forced it through because it could. Both sides are performing roles they have perfected over decades: One heckles, the other steamrolls.

What we should be worried about is what *did not* happen.

The Opposition did not rebut the Bill clause by clause. There were no serious press conferences by the BJP explaining to citizens *why* the Bill is dangerous, *which* provisions threaten free speech, *how* it could be misused or *what* could be amended to make this Bill effective.

There was no attempt by the BJP to educate citizens. Just noise. Why? Could it be...

...because they know that one day they will be back in power and they will use the same law to suffocate and silence journalists, writers, cartoonists and inconvenient critics?

Also, there seems to be an attempt at appeasement even in this Bill. The Home Minister defended the law by arguing that hate crimes need precise definitions to protect *"specific communities."*

That raises the central question: Is this law about curbing hate or managing vote banks?

If the Government is sincere about the purpose of this Bill, then it has to ask itself: Where are the safeguards? Where are the deterrents against communities or individuals who will weaponise this law to harass, intimidate or blackmail? Where are the penalties for false or malicious complaints?

Most alarmingly, the Government has announced punishments without even clearly defining the crime.

The definition of hate speech includes any expression intended to cause *"injury, disharmony, enmity, hatred or ill-will"* against a person or community.

These are not legal standards. They are emotional states. What constitutes *"enmity"?* How is *"disharmony"* measured? Who decides what qualifies as *"ill-will"?*

Would a political cartoon of a leader amount to hate against his community? If a journalist critiques a welfare scheme as fiscally irresponsible, does that create *"ill-will"?* If a historian challenges a dominant narrative, is that *"disharmony"?*

The Bill also seems to suggest that a clear link between speech and violence is not required. Worse, the law grants sweeping preventive powers.

Police can act if they believe a person *"may"* commit an offence. These offences are cognisable and non-bailable.

The Bill further prescribes imprisonment from one to seven years for hate speech. Severe punishment without legal clarity is not a strength. It is an invitation to abuse.

Arrest without warrant for speech-related offences is an extraordinary power in any democracy. Combined with vague definitions, it becomes a tool for selective enforcement.

The law must draw a bright line between lawful criticism and criminal conduct. Ambiguity does not merely confuse; it does something worse: It empowers the most easily offended and the most politically connected.

This Bill, in its present form, will definitely clog our court system because today anything can offend anyone and that *"feeling"* can be weaponised with this Bill, as there are no consequences. Hasn't our judiciary buried itself deep enough in frivolous lawsuits?

Should India have a strong hate speech law? Absolutely.

We live in a hyper-polarised age where every phone is a megaphone and hate spreads faster than reason. Vulnerable communities deserve protection and public discourse needs guardrails. But…

...a law meant to civilise speech cannot be passed in an uncivilised manner.

Rushing legislation, refusing debate, drafting vague provisions and trusting future Governments to behave benevolently is not governance. It is negligence.

If stopping hate speech and protecting democracy is the goal, then first the process must itself be democratic. Otherwise, today's solution will become tomorrow's weapon.

Laws are remembered not by the intentions of those who draft them, but by how they are abused by those who inherit them. And this law absolutely will be abused.

This Hate Speech Bill, in its present form, is the wrong pill to cure us of hate. It must be amended. Otherwise, it will be like what author Rohinton Mistry said about Indian laws: *"Laws in India are passed like urine; it ends up in the gutter."*

P.S. - Note 1: There is one big question: Where are the liberal free-speech warriors now, when a law says criticism can become a non-bailable offence?

Guess when their dictator passes a law, it's for the good of democracy. When someone else's dictator passes a law, it's the death of democracy and their leaders go around the globe claiming so.

Note 2: Indian politics operates like a closed caste system. Politicians do not jail their own.

BJP came to power at the Centre in 2014, harping about UPA corruption. It's been 12 years. Has any Congress leader gone to prison? NO.

Congress in Karnataka came to power, harping about BJP's corruption with the famous *"PayCM"* slogan. It's been over 2.5 years. Has any BJP leader gone to jail? NO.

So, this Bill will be used by politicians to target anyone who targets the political class or should we say *"political caste"* — the most powerful caste in Karnataka, the true upper caste today.

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Mysuru shivers as mercury dips to 8.4°C

Cold wave tightens grip on Mysuru, Kodagu, Mandya, Hassan

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (AG&BCT)- Southern Karnataka districts are experiencing a sharp winter chill, with both day and night temperatures dipping well below seasonal averages.

Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre's (KSNDMC) district-wise minimum temperatures recorded between 8.30 am on Dec. 19 and 8 am on Dec. 20 show Mysuru registering a low of 8.4 degrees Celsius, prompting residents to brace for foggy mornings and biting cold conditions.

Neighbouring Chamarajanagar recorded a minimum of 9.2 degrees Celsius.

In the hilly district of Kodagu, the mercury dipped to 7.4 degrees Celsius, making it one of the coldest regions in southern Karnataka.

Residents reported mist-covered roads and reduced visibility during the early morning hours, a typical winter phenomenon in the district.

Hassan recorded 8 degrees Celsius, while Mandya registered 8.2 degrees Celsius. Bengaluru also felt the chill, with Bengaluru Urban recording a minimum of 8.5 degrees Celsius and Bengaluru Rural slightly higher at 8.7 degrees Celsius.

Bengaluru South, however, saw a marginally warmer 9.7 degrees Celsius, reflecting microclimatic variations across different parts of the city.

Past low temperatures in Mysuru

Historical data shows that Mysuru recorded a minimum of 10 degrees Celsius on Jan. 4, 2007. Other notable lows include 11 degrees Celsius and 11.5 degrees Celsius on different January mornings in 2013, while in 2018, the city recorded 11.2 degrees Celsius, one of the lowest October minimums in decades.

Mysuru broke its all-time December minimum on Dec. 20 (today) as the temperature dipped to 8.4 degrees Celsius, lower than the previous record of 8.7 degrees Celsius set on Dec. 28, 2011.

Meteorologists have attributed the sharp drop in temperatures to clear skies, dry air and northerly winds sweeping across the Deccan plateau. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has advised residents to take precautions against cold-related ailments, particularly during early mornings and late evenings.

Christmas Carnival-2025 begins at St. Philomena's Church

The 4th edition of Christmas Carnival-2025 was inaugurated at St. Philomena's Church in city last evening by Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serro SJ in the presence of Parish Priest/ Rector of St. Philomena's Church Rev. Fr. Alex Prashanth Sequeira. The 8-day Christmas Carnival featuring a vibrant blend of faith, culture, entertainment, food and community festivities, will conclude on Dec. 26.

Mysuru Zoo on High Alert

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Surveillance and sanitisation measures

"As the disease affects animals of the equine family, we have issued a communication to all food suppliers to ensure that grass, animal feed, food grains and other green items supplied to the Zoo are segregated and do not mix with feed supplied elsewhere," Zoo Executive Director Anusha said.

She added that strict surveillance and sanitisation measures are being enforced, with the enclosures of vulnerable animals undergoing regular disinfection. Food supply and goods vehicles are being sanitised at Zoo entry and exit points by staff wearing protective gear.

"We have issued an internal circular directing all sections to strictly adhere to the protocols to ensure that the zoonotic disease caused by Burkholderia mallei does not enter the Zoo," she said.

Section-wise sanitisation is being carried out as per standard operating procedures. Zoo will undergo sanitisation every Tuesday, when it remains closed to public, Anusha added.

Glanders disease outbreak

MRC suspends racing activities temporarily

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BCT)- All racing activities at the Mysore Race Club Ltd (MRC) have been suspended until further orders following the detection of Glanders, a contagious and serious equine disease, in one of its horses.

Glanders is a contagious and often fatal zoonotic disease caused by Burkholderia mallei, primarily affecting horses, donkeys and mules, but also transmissible to humans and other mammals.

According to a statement issued on Dec. 19 by MRC Chairman and Senior Steward G. Venkatesh, a two-year-old horse at the Club tested positive for Glanders and succumbed to the disease on the morning of Dec. 17.

Subsequently, the Government of Karnataka, through a notification dated Dec. 19, declared a 2-km radius around the Mysore Race Club premises as a 'notified area'.

In line with the National Action Plan for Control and Eradication of Glanders in India, strict restrictions have been imposed on the movement of equines, donkeys and mules into and out of the notified zone. As a result, all racing activities at the Club have been suspended until further notice, the statement said.

Surveillance measures

As part of post-outbreak surveillance mandated by authorities, the entire horse population at the Club will undergo three rounds of testing within the first three months, with each test conducted at intervals of not less than 21 days.

If all test results are negative, the Government will de-notify the disease in the area, allowing racing activities to resume. However, surveillance will continue even after de-notification, with another round of sampling to be conducted within three months.

Financial impact

The Chairman said that the MRC is going through a challenging phase, noting that the cessation of racing at the Madras Race Club and temporary suspensions at the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd. and Hyderabad Race Club Ltd have already affected its revenues.

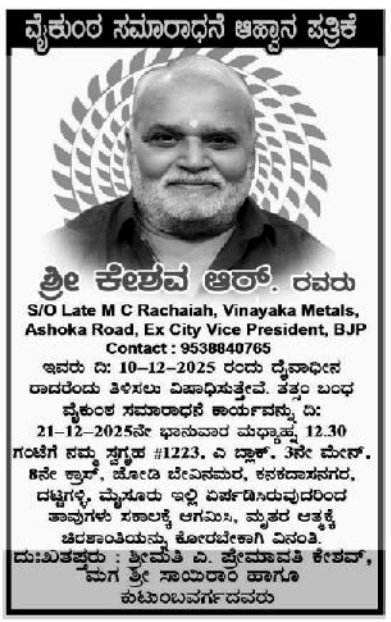
In view of this, the MRC has decided to adopt austerity measures to safeguard its financial stability while prioritising the welfare of horses, stakeholders, staff and members, the statement said.

Indian Turf Invitation Cup put off

In light of the outbreak, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup weekend, originally scheduled to be held in Mysuru on Feb. 28 and March 1, 2026, has been postponed by the Turf Authorities of India.

The event will be rescheduled to a later date, with MRC continuing as the designated host.

Assuring the public that all protocols and precautionary measures are being implemented in strict compliance with Government directives, the Club said veterinarians and officials are closely monitoring the situation and preparations for the resumption of racing will be taken up once clearance is obtained.



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Alert Staff...

Station Master's presence of mind: Miraculous escape for traveller

Pandavapura, Dec. 20- Abhijit Singh, Station Master at Pandavapura Railway Station of South Western Railways (SWR), Mysuru Division, displayed exemplary alertness and presence of mind by saving the life of a passenger on Dec. 13.

Abhijit Singh

Train No. 16219 was halting at the Station, a passenger named Shivaraju Katteri, aged 55 years of Pandavapura taluk, slipped while attempting to board the moving train and fell into a life-threatening situation. Abhijit Singh immediately rushed to his help and through swift and courageous action, rescued the passenger and prevented a serious mishap. The passenger was subsequently provided assistance and was found to be safe.

SWR General Manager Mukul Saran Mathur has commended Abhijit Singh who showed exemplary presence of mind in averting the loss of life, states a press release.

Fire mishap: Driver saves lives of 41 passengers

Nanjangud, Dec. 20 (BS)- Alert bus driver of Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has saved the lives of 41 passengers on board, as the bus caught fire near Hosahalli gate in Nanjangud taluk, on Mysuru-Ooty National Highway yesterday.

The bus (KL-15 A-2444) was going to Kerala from Mysuru, when a spark was noticed in the bus, due to a technical snag, at about 3 am. The driver stopped the vehicle and woke up the passengers, who were deep asleep. As the passengers alighted from the bus, fire engulfed the vehicle, that was gutted in no time. By the time fire tenders reached the spot, the vehicle had suffered significant damage.

The driver and conductor made alternative arrangement for the passengers, to resume their journey.

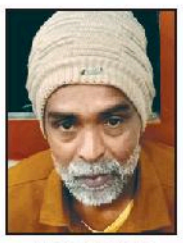
Nanjangud Traffic Police have registered a case.

Denied Rs. 150 to drink, two beat friend to death

Hunsur, Dec. 20 (BCT)- A shocking incident in Hunsur town has highlighted the growing menace of alcohol and substance abuse, as two men allegedly killed their friend over a dispute for money to buy liquor.

Khajapeer

Jhabhir



Inayatullah

The incident occurred at Hunsur's Visvesvaraya Circle auto stand, where a man was brutally murdered by his companions late Thursday night. The deceased, identified as Khajapeer, was a truck loader by profession and a close friend of the accused, Jhabhir, 38, from Nizam Mohalla, and Inayatullah, 43, from Khazi Mohalla.

Police said, the trio had consumed alcohol earlier in the day and quarrelled among themselves. Later, while drinking again near a local wine store, Jhabhir asked Khajapeer for Rs. 150 to buy more liquor. When Khajapeer refused, the accused allegedly attacked him with a wooden plank, striking his head, chest and private parts, leading to his death. On Friday morning, auto drivers discovered the body at the auto stand and alerted the Police and the victim's family.

Hunsur Town Inspector Santosh Kashyap and his team rushed to the spot, collected evidence and arrested the accused within an hour. Investigations revealed that the duo had committed the murder under the influence of alcohol and returned home to sleep after the crime.

The swift operation involved Sub-Inspector Jameer Ahmed and staff members Aruna, Rajarathnam, Yogesh, Basavegowda and Irfan.

The body was handed over to the family after post-mortem.

H.D. Kote drunken brawl

Accused arrested in Hunsur

H.D. Kote, Dec. 20 (RK&BCT)- The H.D. Kote Police have arrested a man accused of murdering his friend with a wooden stick in a drunken brawl.

Taveed Pasha

The accused, Taveed Pasha, allegedly killed his friend Kalam in the Muslim Block area of the town. Both were close companions, but on Tuesday, an argument broke out between them while under the influence of alcohol. The quarrel escalated and Taveed struck Kalam with a wooden stick.

Following the incident, Taveed fled the scene. Passers-by, who found Kalam lying in a pool of blood, rushed him to the H.D. Kote Government Hospital, where he was given first aid. He was later shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru for advanced treatment, where he died.

Acting under the guidance of Mysuru SP N. Vishnuvardhana, local Police traced Taveed's movements around Hunsur. He was eventually apprehended at the Hunsur Bus Stand within 48 hours of the crime. The accused was produced before Court and remanded to Judicial Custody.

Doc 'assaulted' over petty row at city hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BS)- A doctor had to face the wrath of a man and his father, over a trivial issue, at a hospital in city recently.

Dr. Anup, a Paediatrician at a hospital in Sathagalli, is the victim, who was allegedly assaulted by Rubiyaz Shariff and his father.

He (Dr. Anup) is also accused of inappropriate behaviour, according to a complaint lodged by the accused.

Udayagiri Police have received a complaint and counter complaint in this regard.

Shariff's 3-year-old son is admitted at the hospital. On Thursday, at about 11.45 am, Shariff, along with his father, came to the hospital. The staff instructed the father and son duo to come during the visiting hours at 12.30 pm. They were told to remove their footwears, before entering the hospital. Irked by this, the two allegedly picked up a wordy duel with the hospital staff and Dr. Anup. When the staff made a bid to educate them about the rules prohibiting wearing of footwear inside, to prevent the spread of infection, with the hospital exclusively meant for children's care, Shariff and his father, allegedly questioned the staff for wearing footwear. Though they tried to convince them that they use separate footwears for wearing outside and inside the hospital, they were not convinced.

"As the father and son insisted on showing the footwear I wear outside, I took them outside the hospital and showed them the footwear by holding it in hand. Irked, the child's father assaulted me," Dr. Anup has told the Police.

The whole incident is recorded on CCTV camera and a case has been registered against Shariff and his father, on the basis of Dr. Anup's complaint. Police have also issued a noticed to them.

On the other hand, Shariff has filed a complaint of inappropriate behaviour against Dr. Anup.

Shop owner attacks MCC Pourakarmika

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BS)- A Pourakarmika of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) was allegedly assaulted by a shop owner at Janatha Nagar in city yesterday.

Venkatesh, who is the OOD Supervisor at Ward No. 44 coming under the jurisdiction of MCC Zonal Office-3, was involved in the job of sharing the information related to trade licence, after discharging his scheduled duty. When he went to a home appliance shop owned by one Ramzan Sab, at about 11.55 am and asked him about the trade licence, the latter, outrightly assaulted him.

Venkatesh

In his complaint, Venkatesh has told Saraswathipuram Police that, he suffered injuries in his nose, mouth and lips, following the assault. Besides pushing him down and kicking and abusing him, he (Sab) also issued a murder threat.

A case has been registered and investigation is on.

Veteran Malayalam actor

Sreenivasan passes away

Kochi, Dec. 20 (Agencies)- Veteran Malayalam actor, screenwriter and director Sreenivasan passed away on Saturday while undergoing treatment for age-related health issues. He breathed his last at the Ernakulam Taluk Hospital, family sources said. He was 69.

Sreenivasan is survived by his wife Vimala and sons Vineeth Sreenivasan and Dhyan Sreenivasan, both of whom are prominent figures in Malayalam cinema.

Born on Apr. 6, 1956 in Patyam, near Thalassery, Sreenivasan was the son of a school teacher and a homemaker. He completed his schooling in Kadirur and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from PRNSS College, Mattanur before pursuing formal film training at the Film and Television Institute of Tamil Nadu, Chennai.

Sreenivasan

Sreenivasan made his acting debut in 1977 with P.A. Backer's Manimuzhakkam and went on to become one of Malayalam cinema's most respected actors.

He received numerous accolades, including National Film Awards, Kerala State Film Awards, Filmfare Awards South and multiple lifetime achievement recognitions for his contributions as a writer, actor and filmmaker.

Amid opposition from BJP, JD(S)

Hate Speech Bill passed in Legislative Council

Belagavi, Dec. 20 (Agencies)- A day after the Hate Speech Bill was passed by Karnataka Legislative Assembly, the Bill was also passed by Karnataka Legislative Council yesterday amid strong protest from Opposition parties BJP and JD(S), terming it as "draconian", "direct attack on free speech" and "dangerous tool for political vendetta."

Dr. Parameshwar

The Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, tabled by Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, was put to vote, amid protests from Opposition members from the Well of the House. The Opposition demanded that the Bill be withdrawn, alleging that the proposed Legislation will lead to "police state", and "undeclared emergency", where even criticism can be considered as hate speech.

He said that the Bill proposes a jail term of one year, extendable up to seven with a fine of Rs. 50,000 for a hate crime. For repeated offences, maximum imprisonment will be 7 years with a fine of Rs. 1 lakh.

Shobha writes to Governor Gehlot

Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Labour and Employment, Shobha Karandlaje has written to Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, urging him to withhold assent to the controversial Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention and Control) Bill, 2025, citing several shortcomings in the proposed Legislation.

"The Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025, hands the State sweeping authority to silence opposition voices, restrain the media and intimidate the citizens who defend Karnataka's land, language and Dharma."

"This isn't a Hate Speech Prevention Bill, it's rather a Bill that prevents the right to Speech," she stated.

"I have written to the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, drawing attention to provisions of the Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crimes (Prevention) Bill, 2025 that are vague, overbroad and susceptible to misuse and seeking withholding of assent and reservation of the Bill for Presidential consideration under Article 200. Will not let Congress turn the law into a tool to choke free speech and democratic dissent," she added.

Govt. vehicles older than 15 years to be scrapped

Belagavi, Dec. 20- The Karnataka Government is contemplating introducing a policy similar to the one being implemented in Delhi, under which Government vehicles older than 15 years will be scrapped.

Accordingly, vehicles that are over 15 years old and currently being used by various Government Departments, Corporations, Boards, City Municipal Councils and other Government institutions will be phased out.

Transport Minister R. Ramalinga Reddy said that the State Government had approved the scrapping of such vehicles at Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSFs) established in the State on Sept. 12 this year.

Replying to a question raised by MLC Govind Raju during the Winter Session of the Legislature in the Legislative Council, the Minister said that the registration of a total of 18,552 Government vehicles older than 15 years (excluding Transport Corporation buses) had been cancelled by the Central Government on the VAHAN portal.

"Of these 18,552 vehicles, 1,493 have already been scrapped, while the remaining 17,059 vehicles are yet to be scrapped," he said.

The Minister further stated that 3,212 vehicles belonging to the four State Transport Corporations — Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and North East Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) — have been suspended from operation, while another 579 vehicles are yet to be condemned.

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 21)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Purna Chetana:** Mysuru Heritage Treasure Hunt for Parents & Children, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **7 am.**
- **Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya:** 2nd Anniversary celebrations and Sangeetha Samaradhane, Karnatak vocalist Vid. Mysore N. Srinath, BAI Cultural Committee President Umesh, theatre artiste & Mysore Mime Team Founder Mime Goutham chief guests, Chamarajanagar's Deenabandhu Trust Secretary G.S. Jayadev presides; Hindustani Music and Vachana Gayana by students of Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya, Mysuru & Hunsur and Deenabandhu Ashram; Pt. Shivananda Herur, Hanumanth Kumar Belagal and H. Rekha Belagal special guest singers, accompanied by Kalaburagi's Channaiah Aralagundagi and Mysuru's Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya Guru Prabhu Rao on harmonium, R. Balasubramanya (disciple of Hariprasad Chourasia) on flute, Ramesh Dhannur, Bengaluru's Santhosh Kodli and Bhimashankar Hemanoor on tabla, Indrakumar on keyboard and G. Suresh on rhythm pad, Rotary West auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **9 am to 9 pm.** [Mob: 98803-69141]
- **Sri Kaivara Yogi Nareyana Yathindrara Balija (Banajiga) Sangha, Mysuru:** 18th Annual Satyanarayanaswamy Puja Mahotsava, Calendar Release and Pratibha Puraskar presentation ceremony, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Navilu Road, near Somani College, Kuvempunagar, **9.30 am.**
- **Music Concert:** Karnatak vocal duet by Rangan Brothers — Raghuveer and Narayan — from Melbourne, Australia, accompanied by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin and Vid. Ganesha Ragavan on mridanga, Mysore Vasudevacharya's residence, near Agrahara, **10 am.**
- **KSRTC Sri Kanakadasa Employees Association:** Sri Kanakadasa's 538th Jayantyotsava, MLC Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah inaugurates, MP Sunil Bose presides, K.R. Nagar MLA D. Ravishankar lights the lamp, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda unveils portrait of Kanakadasa and offers floral tributes, H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu releases 2026 Calendar, Nanjangud MLA Dharshan Dhruvanarayan felicitates retd. employees, former KR MLA M.K. Somashekar and MPVL Chairman H.D. Ganesh will present Pratibha Puraskar; Music programme by Srivari Ganamruta Kala Tanda led by Sugama Sangeetha and Folk Singer G. Sridhar, Chikkammanikethana Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempuanagar, **10 am.**
- **Sri Pathanjali Yoga Shikshana Samithi (SPYSS), Mysuru Committee:** Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Bebi Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Thrinethra Mahanta Shivayogi Swamiji graces the occasion, K.S. Gopalakrishna of SPYSS delivers keynote address, Karnataka Samskrit University (KSU) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Dr. S. Ahalya inaugurates, Bharati Yogadhama Founder Dr. K.L. Shankaranarayana Jois and M. Reddiah Raju of SPYSS chief guests, N.S. Mahesh of SPYSS presides, **10 am;** Cultural Programme, N. Channabasappa and H.T. Pushpa of SPYSS will inaugurate, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **1 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Open Forum (MOF):** Talk on "Let's Treat the Disease, Not the Lab Reports" by Dr. K. Javeed Naeem, Kalpa Kshetra, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 94498-10536]
- **Vishwaprajna Educational Institutions (VPEI):** Alumini Meet 2025, School campus, Kanakadasanagar, Dattagalli, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 91088-96871]
- **Manava Hakkugala Seva Samiti:** Human Rights Day celebrations, Kanunu Arivu-Neravu Programme, 9th anniversary celebrations and 'Manava Ratna State Award' presentation ceremony, free eye screening camp by ASG Hospital, felicitation to farmers and ex-servicemen, Senior Civil Judge K.K. Amarnath inaugurates, Manava Hakkugala Seva Samiti State President Dr. Seetha Ramegowda presides, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **11 am.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 66th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Mohan Vernekar, a distinguished writer and a well-known caricature artiste, chief guest; Sattriya dance by artistes Sridevi Jagannath and Rohini Ananth, arriving from the USA and Dubai; Kuchipudi dance by Padmashri Balu Uri and her disciples, arriving from Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh; Kathak dance by Vidu. Seema Krishnan and her disciples, from Bengaluru; Bharatanatyam by Dr. Radhika Kalluray from Mangaluru and her disciples, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **3 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority:** World Meditation Day, Mass Meditation Programme, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji of Avadhoota Datta Peethamgracestheoccasion,ChamundiHillpremises, **11am.**
- **Rotary Bangalore South Parade and Rotary Mysore Metro:** Inauguration of 'Amrutha Varshini - Mothers Milk Bank,' RI Dist. 3191 District Governor Rtn. B.R. Sridhar and RI Dist. 3181 District Governor Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna chief guests, Rtn. H.R. Keshav and Rtn. Yashaswi Somashekar guests of honour, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani and Cheluvamba Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. R. Sudha will be present, Cheluvamba Hospital,K.R. Hospital premises, **3 pm.**

  Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA): 'Mahila Utsava,' Dasara Exhibition premises, **4 pm to 9.30 pm;** Cultural programmes, musical evening by Sri Adishakti Natya Sangha, Srirangapatna, Mandya (Junior Ambarish - Hosadurga, Junior Upendra - Kushtagi, Junior Shankar Nag - Honnali, Junior Ravichandran - Vijayapura, Junior Gurukiran - Kundapura, Geetha - Sigandur and Divya - Bengaluru; Manager R. Srinivas), P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **6.30 pm.**
- **Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru:** Christmas Celebrations, Feast Mass, Konkan Bhavan, **4 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Festival - Flower Show, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates; Cultural Programmes - Instrumental music by S. Sampath and team, **4.30 pm to 5.15 pm;** Devotional songs by Yogashree and troupe, **5.20 pm to 5.50 pm;** Light music by Lavanya and team, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Folk songs by H.S. Sneha and troupe; rendition of the Mysuru State anthem 'Kaayo Sri Gauri,' formal inauguration of the cultural programmes, **7.15 pm to 7.30 pm;** Grand musical concert by multilingual Music Director Manikanth Kadri and vocalist Hansika Iyer, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Swara Madhurya Trust - Samskrutika Kala Sangha:** 25t anniversary celebrations, audio release, 'Sugama Sangeetha Kalanidhi' award presentation and group singing, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru Unit President Dr. Nagaraj Bairy, art patron K. Raghuram Vajpayee and Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Pavana Musical Events:** Musical Evening of film songs, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru:** Niranthara Ranga Utsava, Veeraghase performance by Naveen Kumar and Team, Kadur, **5.30 pm;** Valedictory ceremony. Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Senior Theatre Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, Thinker Devanura Basavaraju and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara will be present, **6.15 pm;** Stating of play 'Kodalla Andre Kodalla' (based on Dario Fo's 'Can't pay, Won't pay) by Nirdiganta, Srirangapatna, Music: Anush Shetty; Concept, Design and Direction: Shakeel Ahmed, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru and Astikya Foundation:** Valedictory of National Puppetry Festival, R. Guru, Philanthropist & Industrialist, N. Ranga Rao & Sons, Mysuru, guest of honour, Hardwicke School campus, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Pooja Samithi:** 65th Annual Puja Celebrations, 26th Year Dhwajarohana Mahothsava, Dwajarohana, Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Prati Gandharva' by Rangayana, Davanagere, written by Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi, music by Ravi Mooruru, directed by Malathesh Badigera, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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WORD OF THE DAY

Espouse

Pronunciation: ih-SPOWZ (verb)
Meaning: To espouse an ideology, belief, etc., is to take it up and support it as a cause. Espouse is usually encountered in formal speech and writing.
Origin: As you might guess, the words espouse and spouse are hitched, both coming from the Latin verb spondēre, meaning "to promise" or "to betroth." In fact, the two were once completely interchangeable, with each serving as a noun meaning "a newly married person" or "a partner in marriage" and also as a verb meaning "to marry." Their semantic separation began when the noun espouse fell out of use. Nowadays, espouse is almost exclusively encountered as a verb used in the figuratively extended sense "to commit to and support as a cause."
Example: "Crammed into a tiny apartment in Greenwich Village, they [Yoko Ono and John Lennon] immersed themselves in the city's counter culture, absorbing progressive politics whenever they weren't glued to the television set. Lennon's celebrity secured the duo a large platform to espouse these ideas ..." — Stephen Thomas Erlewine, Pitchfork, 11 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Borzoi

All fast-moving dog breed.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Foaming at the mouth

Meaning: You use the expression 'Foaming at the mouth' to indicate that someone is making a furious display of anger or rage.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Foaming at the mouth' comes from the appearance of animals afflicted with rabies, in which they literally foam at the mouth while in a blind stupor that can include attacks that look like they stem from anger or rage.
Example: "The boss is foaming at the mouth over Bill losing that account. I wouldn't go in his office if I were you."

QUOTE BOX

Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas. **—Johnny Carson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :Heavy metal.

SUDOKU

6					3	7	4	
7				9				
					2	9		6
	2				1			
	6			5			9	
			9				8	
5		3	1					
				7				8
	9	4	6					7

Answer to previous puzzle

6	5	9	3	4	1	8	2	7
2	3	8	7	9	6	5	1	4
1	7	4	5	8	2	9	3	6
7	8	2	4	5	3	6	9	1
4	9	6	8	1	7	2	5	3
5	1	3	2	6	9	7	4	8
8	6	5	9	3	4	1	7	2
9	4	7	1	2	8	3	6	5
3	2	1	6	7	5	4	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Change "Tata" for what we make our roti from?
5 Urge with a stick
9 Literary snippets
12 Stylish
13 Flower holder
14 And for the German
15 Jan van der ____ : famous Dutch artist?
16 Gas container
18 Take in as a member
20 Greek peak
21 Amitabh Bachchan of course (3,1)
24 Holy place for the Islamic people
27 Native of Indonesia's westmost island
31 Integrated Avionics Comp.
32 Legal document
33 Prefix meaning equal
34 "To be" in Toulouse?
35 Above ground level
36 Dejected
38 Skins or furs
41 Singe
42 Mountain goat
44 Optimal; perfect
48 Mosque towers
52 Bollywood's Ashutosh ___
53 Mineral source
54 Fixed amount
55 Purposes, employs
56 Golfer's score
57 Spy or infiltrator
58 Legendary story

DOWN
1 Highest point
2 At that time
3 Rank
4 Circus performer
5 Plastic type
6 Narrow beam of light
7 Scandinavian capital
8 Belief in god
9 Effrontery
10 Northerly dir.
11 Amer. Depository Rcpt.
17 BSE alternative for share traders
19 Illuminated
22 Network of electricity supply lines
23 Foundation
25 Caution or regard
26 Got a perfect score ?
27 Switch or transpose
28 Impulse
29 Hat maker
30 Organ of smell
34 Tympanum
37 French month
39 TV Guide abbreviation
40 Watery part of blood
43 Strange as a prefix
45 Effortless
46 Cast _ ___ wide : search a large area? (1,3)
47 Whip
8 Cleaning implement
49 Irish Republican Army, acronym
50 The sesame plant or seed
51 Fr. holy title

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

D	A	D		U	R	S	A		S	P	A	R		
A	L	A		S	A	L	T		M	U	T	E		
M	A	R	S	H	G	A	S		A	G	E	D		
P	E	K	O	E		V	E	E	R					
			B	R	A		A	R	T	F	U	L		
A	A	L		S	U	E		E	E	R	I	E		
S	C	U	D		G	Y	P		R	E	S	T		
S	H	R	U	G		E	I	A		T	T	S		
N	E	E	R	A	J		P	I	T					
			A	Z	O	V		Z	I	P	P	Y		
G	R	U	B		H	I	M	A	L	A	Y	A		
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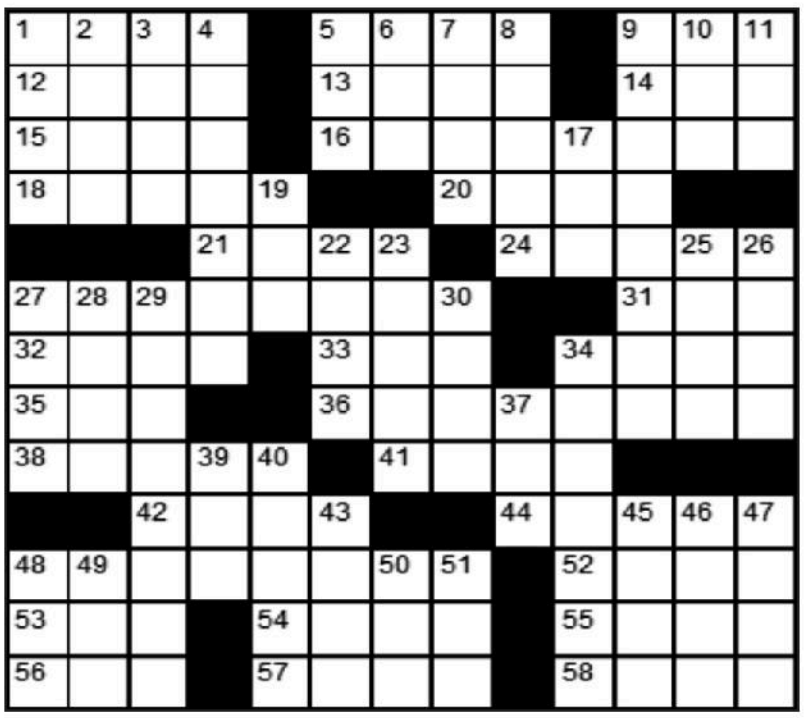

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DT STCQO SOTJ HLUHTL HLNWQNHBTG CWR

BTS SOTJ XUYTLW SOTJGTBYTG.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS W

Thursday's Cryptoquip: I am a part of all that I have met.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Avatar: Fire & Ash (K) - 1 Show; *Avatar: Fire & Ash (E)* - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Padayappa (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	10 am, 2.05 pm
		6.05 pm, 10 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1.15 pm
	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 8.35 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 2.05 pm
		6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Padayappa (Ta)	(S-3)	9.30 am
Kombuseevi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Vishwaroopini Shree Vasavi (K)	(S-3)	4 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Devil (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (K-3D)	:	10.50 am, 2.15 pm
		4.40 pm, 8.20 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	1 pm, 6 pm
		9.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.30 pm, 4.45 pm
		9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10 am
		10.30 am, 2 pm
		2.30 pm, 6 pm
		6.30 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.40 am, 12.05 pm
		3.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9 am, 9.30 am
		1.15 pm, 1.45 pm
		5.30 pm, 6 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	:	9.15 am, 7.05 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	12.20 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 9.40 am
		10.30 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.40 am, 12.05 pm
		2.45 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.40 pm, 5.55 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	6.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 20)

- **Kodagu Model School and Sri Kavery Kodava Association, Mysuru East:** 17th Annual Day Celebrations, 'Janapada Loka - The World of Folk Culture', M. Prakash, BEO Mysuru (Rural) and D.N. Geetha, BRC Co-ordinator, Mysore Taluk (Rural), chief guests, Naina Achappa, Principal, Shishya Play School, guest of honour, K.M Belliappa, President, Kodagu Model School, presides, school premises, Vidyashankara Layout, **3 pm.**
- **Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Pooja Samithi:** 65th Annual Puja Celebrations, Palakkombu procession from Sri Ramalingeshwara Temple, Vidyaranyapuram and ends at temple followed by deity, **3.30 pm to 7 pm;** Ayyappan Vilakku, Palakkombu Nruthyam, Thirivuzhichil, Ayyappan Pattu & Prasada Viniyoga, Vettum Thadavum, Palkindi Procession, Konda, Mangalam, Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **7 pm to 12 midnight.**
- **Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru and Astikya Foundation:** National Puppetry Festival - Mysore 2025, valedictory of Puppet Workshop, Monnanda Appaiah, Managing Director, Wienerberger India, guest of honour, Hardwicke School campus, JLB Road, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-911, story-telling by K.A. Diwakar, retd. Principal, Consultant, Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Srirampura, Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Endowment Programme, Vachana Competition and Endowment Lecture, Dr. C.G. Ushadevi, retd. Professor, Mysuru, inaugurates and delivers talk on 'Sharanara Parikalpaneyalli Devaru,' Dr. Jayappa Honnali, President, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, presides, Shivappaji, President, Jnanajyoti Pratishtana, will be present, Jnanajyoti Pratishtana, Vidyaranyapuram, **5 pm.**
- **Dayananda Arya Vidya (DAV) Public School:** Chinnara Kalarava, 22nd Annual Day celebrations, Mysuru Books Club-2015 Founder-Chairperson Shubha Urs chief guest, School premises, Vishweshwaranagar, **5 pm.**
- **Pushkara Prakashana:** Releasing of 'Law For All' Kannada Law Monthly December Edition and 2026 Calendar, Guruvandana Programme, Karnataka High Court Judge G. Basavaraju inaugurates, Karnataka State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission President T.G. Shivashankare Gowda releases Calendar, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhu Swamy releases the Law Monthly, 'Law For All' Hon. Advisory Sub-Editor R.S. Ravi presides, 'Law For All' Hon. Advisor and Senior Advocate K.R. Shivashankar and Chief Editor K.B. Suresh will be present, Negilayogi Samajaseva Trust, opp. New Law Courts Complex, Jayanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru:** Niranthara Ranga Utsava, Janapada and Tatvapada recital by Devanand Varaprasad and Niranthara Team, **5.30 pm;** Dr. D. Vijayalakshmi, Professor, Maharaja's College and Department of Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will take part in the stage programme, **6.15 pm;** Staging of the play 'Goruru' (based on Goruru Ramaswamy Iyengar's 'Namma Oorina Rasikaru' and other works) by Niranthara, Mysuru, Music: Digvijaya Heggodu, Theatre Adaptation, Design and Direction: Manjunath L. Badiger, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU) and SJCE Alumni Association:** Global Alumni Meet-2025, B.M. Santhosh, Collector and District Magistrate, Jogulamba Gadwal, Telangana, chief guest, Dr. B. Suresh, Director, Technical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, guest of honour, Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, JSS STU, presides, Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, JSS STU, Dr. C. Nataraju, Principal-in-Charge, SJCE, Mysuru and Dr. Nagendra Prasad, Dean, Student Affairs and Alumni Engagements, JSS STU, will be present, SJCE Quadrangle, JSS STU, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 98864-80528]
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru & Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru:** 162nd Cultural Outreach Programme, Folk Songs Programme by Dr. Appagere Thimmaraju, accompanied by Vanitha, Divya and Megha as co-singers, Raghu on tabla, Punyesh on harmonium, Punith on flute, Kiran on dholak and Gurudath on tala gejje, BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Buddhidanandaji speaks on 'Narada Bhakti Sutras' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya, RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru and Samskara Bharati:** Bhagini Raaga Sourabha, vocal concert by Vidu. Medha Manjunath, accompanied by Vid. Vedagnya Narasimha on violin, Vid. Sunil Subramanya on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, BSS Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sugama Sangeetha Academy Trust (SSAT), Mysuru:** Mishra Madhurya - Musical Evening, Trust Hon. President T.R. Harish chief guest, felicitation to Kannada Rajyotsava awardees Amshi Prasannakumar and Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao; Trust President K. Nagaraj presides, Trust Founder H.R. Leelavathi will be present, vocal recital by Nithin Rajaram Shastri and Sridevi Manjunath accompanied by Sumeer Rao on flute, Purushothama Kiragasuru on keyboard, C.S. Vedashri on veena, Atmarao Nayak on tabla, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10.30 am
		2.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		10.30 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-2D)	:	9.20 am
Avatar: Fire & Ash (K-2D)	:	1.20 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.45 am, 12.05 pm
		3.30 pm, 6.55 pm
		10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.40 am, 1.50 pm, 5.20 pm
		6 pm, 10.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10.30 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-2D)	:	9 am
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.40 am, 10.40 am
		1.50 pm, 6 pm
		9.40 pm, 10.10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	12.55 pm, 2.50 pm
		6.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Kombuseevi (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

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